

you wish to be recognized on some matter then? Thank you. Senator Carpenter, if you're not engaged otherwise to say something, would you turn off your little page light please, excuse me, white light. Thank you. Do we have any motions on the desk?

CLERK: We have some committee reports, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Read the reports.

CLERK: Committee reports read. That's all Mr. President.

SPEAKER: No other motions on the desk? No other unfinished business? Ready for the consideration of bills on general file? Has an agreement been reached that we take up non-controversial bills? Thank you. Chair's understanding is that those on the board that are underlined are supposedly non-controversial. That being the case we would begin this morning's discussion in debate with L.B. 458.

CLERK: Legislative Bill 458. Introduced by J. W. Burbach of the 19th district. (bill read)

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: If anybody thinks this is non-controversial, they ought to have their head examined. I vote we bracket it, put it over.

SPEAKER: Motion is to bracket the bill. Senator Skarda, we have the motion to bracket L.B. 458.

SENATOR SKARDA: I, I'm in full accord with it because I'm just as much interested in this bill and it's implications as Senator Carpenter is. I don't know how it ever got out of committee.

SPEAKER: Motion is to bracket the bill. Are there objections to bracketing 458? Passing it over today? It is so ordered. We will move on to the general file consideration of L.B. 311. Well, just lay it over.

CLERK: (bill read). There are no committee amendments, Mr. President, there are other amendments by Senator Carpenter. The amendment is as follows: (amendment read).

SPEAKER: Has the bill been on the floor for discussion before? Is this the first time it's been up, first time? Senator Carpenter, Chair would reserve the right for the introducer to explain the bill before we take up your amendment. Who gets the pleasure of handling the general explanation of L.B. 311? Senator Marvel. Senator Skarda, do the Chair a favor and turn off your little light there, please. Thank you.

SENATOR MARVEL: O.K. I understand this now. This is, oh, first of all, I, to bring the matter before the house, I move the advancement of the bill to E&R initial. Now, this is a bill that comes out of our study subcommittee and this is my understanding what this bill does. Now if Senator Whitney, Stahmer, or More want to add to or take from this explanation, I hope they'll feel free to do so. The Attorney General advised those who were interested in the funding of community mental health projects that the local contribution of 25% could only be figured after you took Federal and State funds and added them together. Since the law evidently was written this way, this penalized the local areas and so this bill was rewritten to say, in effect, that the local contribution would only be figured on the total of the State contributions and that the Federal contributions were not figured in the formula. If you insist that the local contributions include the Federal amounts, then you are increasing the amount of local contributions before they get any money for any type of